

The number of Marriages rose one percent from 2000 to 2001

There were 10,650 couples in New Hampshire that got married during 2001, according to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health Statistics and Data Management (BHSDM). This was up one percent from 2000 and 3.4 percent from 1999. Over the past three years the growth of marriages in the state has been slowing.

The number of recorded divorces in the state decreased 7.8 percent, bringing the total number of couples divorced in 2001 to 5,500. Since 1999, the number

of recorded divorces has dropped over 11 percent.

In 2001, New Hampshire had an estimated 571,882 married residents age 15 and older, according to the US Census Bureau's 2001 Supplemental Survey. This was 58 percent of the state's residents who were 15 years old or older in 2001, three percentage points higher than the nation.

Almost 11 percent of Granite Staters reported that they were divorced, totaling 104,518 in 2001.

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Marriages & Divorces Reported to the Bureau of Health Statistics and Data Management

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Marriages	9,921	10,301	10,540	10,650
Annual Percent Change	-0.8%	3.8%	2.3%	1.0%
Divorces	6,078	6,188	5,968	5,500
Annual Percent Change	6.6%	1.8%	-3.6%	-7.8%

Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health Statistics and Data Management

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The share of divorces in the nation was slightly smaller, at ten percent. In 2001, 27 percent of the nation's population 15 years old and older

were never married, while the share of single people in New Hampshire was less with just over 24 percent.

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Marital Status				
	United States	Share	New Hampshire	Share
Population 15 years and over	216,725,555	100.0%	982,801	100.0%
Never married	58,573,710	27.0%	238,576	24.3%
Now married, except separated	117,857,058	54.4%	571,882	58.2%
Separated	4,897,636	2.3%	12,483	1.3%
Widowed	13,703,259	6.3%	55,342	5.6%
Divorced	21,693,892	10.0%	104,518	10.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau's 2001 Supplemental Survey - Table 2 - Profile of Selected Social Characteristics. Accessed April 11, 2003

<[http://www.census.gov/acs www/Products/Profiles/Single/2001/SS01/index.htm](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/Profiles/Single/2001/SS01/index.htm)>